

**PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS COMMITTEE OF THE UNIFIED BOARD
OF THE DIVISION OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS
COMMITTEE**

DATE: 23 April 2008

**PLACE: Department of Administration
1 Capitol Hill 2nd floor, Conference Room B
Providence, RI 02908**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Messieurs: Bernardo, Smith, Capezza, Jr., and
Fairbanks, Jr.**

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian M. Moore, PE Emeritus Member

Peter N. Dennehy, Esq.

Richard W. Bernstein, Esq.

Lois Marshall, Administrative Assistant

**CALLED TO ORDER: Chairman Bernardo called the meeting to order
at 12:04 PM to commence Board business.**

NEW BUSINESS:

**(1) The Unified Board will be approving the forthcoming minutes of
this 23 April 2008**

Professional Engineers Committee meeting at their 28 May 2008

meeting.

(2) EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. at 12:05 PM to move into Executive Session pursuant to RI General Laws, Section §42-46(5)(a)(2) for sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and §42-46-5 (a) (4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. moved to adjourn from executive session and reconvene to open meeting at 12:47 PM pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4). Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to seal the Minutes of the Executive Session and to record the votes taken in executive session in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 42-46(5) (a) (2) and §42-46-5 (a) (4) as follows. Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to confirm in open session the votes to close C2007-12 The Professional Engineers Committee vs. Robert Brock, PE and to authorize a final opportunity to enter into a voluntary consent order on a complaint involving the professional responsibilities of an engineer. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(3) Administrative Rules and Regulation updates

Vice Chairman Smith and Attorney Dennehy did not have any updates to report.

(4) ELSE Proposal

Vice Chairman Smith spoke with a representative of ELSE. He explained that to keep the cost down for the applicant that ELSE would suggest that the Committee pay for the renting of a testing facility. Attorney Bernstein suggested that the Committee write to Director Marques to discuss this matter. Chairman Bernardo asked that Vice Chairman Smith study the ELSE proposal and report back to the Committee at their next scheduled meeting.

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(5) Correspondence from Sandra L. Skogen, Idearc Media Corp.

Ms. Skogen is asking whether or not the engineering notice in the Yellow Pages is legally required. Attorney Dennehy will prepare a letter stating the specific law that requires the notice.

(6) Nomination of David L. Whitman, PE

The Committee is in favor of supporting Mr. Whitman for the position of NCEES President-Elect.

(7) Correspondence from Tonya Goitiandia, License Administrator, Power Engineering

Ms. Goitiandia is questioning whether or not a professional registration is required for acoustical consulting work that is to be conducted on projects in Rhode Island. Secretary Capezza, Jr. made a motion that Rhode Island does not require registration for acoustical consulting work. Vice Chairman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

(8) Bill H8076

Representative Lally introduced H8076, a bill that would reverse some of the recent statutory changes that relate to the Division of Design Professionals. Attorney Bernstein suggested that the Committee introduce a companion bill in the Senate.

(9) Record Retention Schedule

Attorney Bernstein advised the Committee that even though they are a Division of the Department of Business Regulation they must by law have their own Record Retention Schedule. Ms. Marshall informed Attorney Bernstein that she had met with representatives of the Secretary of States office and is working toward a Record Retention Schedule for the Committees.

APPLICATIONS

(10) Jonah M. Israelit

The Committee verified Mr. Israelit's professional experience. Mr. Smith made a motion to allow Mr. Israelit to sit for the October 2008 Professional Engineers examination. Secretary Capezza, Jr.

seconded the motion. Motion carried.

P.E. COMITY:

Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to grant comity to the following individuals in the disciplines specified. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Albul, Dmitriy V. KY Civil Hermann, Drexel M. DE Civil

Baron, Jeffrey A. PA Elec. Herzig, Robert L. MO Elec.

Beighle, Trent E. OH Elec. Kelley, Paul L. MA Struc.

Breese, William R. NE Mech. Lagodimos, Frank G. MA Struc.

Brewer, Brian J. VA Civil Lawson, Wayne R. MA Struc.

Capobianco, Sal A. MA Civil Maniktala, Ravinder K. NE Mech.

Chandler, Alan R. MO Civil Mattison, III, John T. MS Elec.

Chandler, Joseph W. NC Civil Parent, Serge IA Civil

Colby, Calen B. ME Civil Peshkin, David G. IL Civil

Culross, Rene A. TX Mech. Raley, Frank J. LA Civil

Culter, Brian A. CT Civil Roche, Jason A. NE Elec.

Dessureault, Michael J. MI Civil Sapochetti, Jennifer MA F.P.

Dumitrescu, Marcel MA Mech. Stiefermann, Michael C. KS Civil

Egan, Jr., William J. AL Civil Sutyak, Gregory S. OH Elec.

Ferguson, John D. AR Elec. Vancor, John C. NH Civil

Gipson, Randall W. GA Civil White, Andrew D. VT Struc.

Haubert, Andrew E. IL Civil Zawtocky, Christie E. TX Envir.

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PE EXAMINTION:

Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to admit the following individual to the October 2008 Professional Engineering examination. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Camara, III, Joseph

C.O.A. APPLICATIONS;

Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. made a motion to approve the applications for Certificates of Authorization listed on the 23 April 2008 list for Corporations, COA'S renewing, and Soles as noted in the specific disciplines mentioned with the exception of (0), which were denied. Secretary Capezza, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNED:

Chairman Bernardo informed the Committee that the next meeting would be scheduled for 28 May 2008 at 12:00 noon. Motion was made by Secretary Capezza, Jr. to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 PM. Motion seconded by Mr. Fairbanks, Jr. Motion carried.

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